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SUBJ: ARRIVAL OF FIRST SHIPMENTS OF BENINOIS EXPATRIATES

1. THE FIRST PLANELOAD OF ABOUT 50 BENINOIS RETURNEES ARRIVED AT COTONOU AT APPROXIMATELY 0930 AUGUST 1, 1978. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT ARRIVALS IN UNKNOWN BUT RESIDENTS IN THE AIRPORT AREA REPORT HEAVY TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT THE DAY. A COTONOU RADIO BROADCAST ANNOUNCED THAT FIFTY AVE ARRIVED BY AIR AND 400 BY SEA. ON ARRIVAL, THE RETURNEES WERE TAKEN TO THE TWO MAISONS DU PEUPLE WHERE THEY ARE BEING HELD UNDER GUARD, PRESUMABLY TO VERIFY THEIR IDENTITIES, ROOT OUT REACTIONARY ELEMENTS, AND POSSIBLY TO PROVIDE SOME BASIC POLITICAL EDUCATION.

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2. ON THE DAY BEFORE THE RAPATRIATION BEGAN POLITICAL MEETINGS WERE HELD THROUGHOUT COTONOU TO WARN THE CITIZENRY TO BE ON GUARD FOR REACTIONARIES AS MANY WERE SURE TO BE INCLUDED AMONG THE 10,000 EXPECTED RETURNEES.

3. IF, INDEED, 10,000 DO ARRIVE, THE AUTHORITIES WILL BE HARD PUT TO DETAIN THEM FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME AND WILL HAVE TO

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FIND OME MEANS OF SCREENING THM QUICKLY AND RETAINING
ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER FOR MORE EXTENSIVE RE-EDUCATION. AT
THE MOMENT OO ONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT PRESIDENT KEREKOU'S
REACTION WILL BE TOWARD
THOSE BENINOIS WHO DEPARTED AFTER
THE REVOLUTION, BUT THEIR RECEPTION HERE MAY BE MORE
MILITANT THAN FRATERNAL. PARKILL

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